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SUBJECT: ROK AND PRK MISSIONS TO NIGER

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1. DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH KOREAS ARRIVED IN NIAMEY MARCH 22. SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY PARK TONG CHIN, AMB. TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA. KIM FEUK KI, MINISTER OF EDUCATION LED THE NORTH KOREANS. BOTH DELEGATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT DIORI MARCH 23, ONE AFTER THE OTHER.

2. ACCORDING TO LEE CHONG GU OF ROK AFRICAN SECTION MOFA, PURPOSE OF AMB. PARK'S VISIT WAS TO CONFIRM TO PRESIDENT DIORI THAT CONSTRUCTION OF ROK DONATED CERAMIC FACTORY WOULD BE STARTED IN JULY AND THAT SMALL KOREAN MEDICAL PROGRAM IN NIGER WOULD CONTINUE. ON QUESTION NIGER SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION UN, HE SAID PRES. DIORI INDICATED HIS AGREEMENT. WHEN AMBASSADOR PARK PUSHED DIORI FOR ASSURANCES NONRECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA, DIORI'S RESPONSE TO THE EFFECT THAT HE HAD NO PLANS FORMAL RECOGNITION SEEMED CONFIDENTIAL

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SOMEWHAT EQUIVOCAL ACCORDING TO LEE. SOUTH KOREANS BELIEVE THAT NORTH KOREANS MADE OFFER TO NIGER OF IRRIGATION PROJECT AND ARE CONCERNED THAT PRES. DIORI WILL ACCEPT.

3. ACCORDING TO LEE, NEITHER OF KOREAN DELEGATIONS REALIZED OTHER WAS PLANNING BE IN NIAMEY SAME TIME. HE SAID BOTH WERE DISCOMFITED BY DUAL PRESENCE. ON OTHER HAND NIGERIENS TOOK GREAT DELIGHT IN SCHEDULING TALKS FOR BOTH DELEGATIONS CONSECUTIVELY AS WELL AS FEATURING PHOTOS AND NEWS ITEMS OF KOREANS SIDE-BY-SIDE IN LOCAL PAPERS.

4. AMBASSADOR PARK DEPARTING NIAMEY MARCH 26 FOR ABIDJAN TO AWAIT WORD FROM GHANA GOVERNMENT THAT HE WILL BE RECEIVED AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL. ACCORDING TO LEE LATEST INFO FROM ACCRA WAS THAT TOP GOG OFFICIALS MOMENTARILY ALL TIED UP AND UNABLE TO SEE HIM.
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